

OUTLOOK

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Michael Wiggins, M.D. receives College of Medicine Educational Research Award

Dr. Michael Wiggins received the 2007 College of Medicine Educational Research Award at the COM faculty meeting in the Pauly Auditorium on Tuesday, June 19th. This award is given to the COM faculty member who best exemplifies accomplishment in the field of educational research. Dr. Wiggins' has contributed both to the Residency Program and the Ophthalmic Medical Technology Program. He is also the Founder and Editor-in-Chief of the online Journal of Ophthalmic Medical Technology.

Inci Dersu, M.D., (pictured at right of the podium) was recently asked to give a Glaucoma presentation at the 2007 resident/alumni day at the University of California, San Diego (UCSD). Robert Weinreb, M.D. (pictured at the podium), Director of Hamilton Glaucoma Center and American Glaucoma Society President, introduced Dr. Dersu before her talk. Dr. Weinreb, was one of Dr. Dersu's professors during her UCSD fellowship.



JEI Ophthalmologist Warns Public about Firework Safety



Inci Dersu, M.D. and Michael Wiggins, M.D. were recently interviewed by KATV, Fox 16 and KARK about firework safety. Dr. Wiggins, interviewed by KARK, overviewed safety risks in general and pointed out that many injured are actually bystanders watching fireworks shot by neighbors/friends/relatives. Dr. Dersu, interviewed by KATV and Fox 16, reported on firework injuries each year and how July 4 stands out to ophthalmologists because of the huge number of serious eye injuries on this date compared to the rest of the year. Both doctors recommended avoiding non-professional fireworks displays altogether and going to a professional display instead.



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Arkansas Lions Eye Bank and Laboratory receives accreditation

The Arkansas Lions Eye Bank and Laboratory at the Jones Eye Institute received a three year accreditation from the Eye Bank Association of America (EBAA). This accreditation is awarded as the maximum status by motion and approval of the EBAA Accreditation Board following the Eye Bank's April inspection.

The Eye Bank received acceptable compliance with EBAA Medical Standards in all performance areas (i.e., pre-inspection questionnaire, policies and procedures, executive director, medical director, technical personnel and procedures, lab, equipment, and records) was demonstrated during the site inspection and upon initial review of the policies and procedures. An overall score of at least 95% was achieved and at least 85% in all performance areas.

EBAA accredits facilities that provide human eye tissue for surgical use, research and ophthalmic training. The EBAA has developed extensive medical standards and procedures for procurement, preservation, storage and distribution of human eye tissue for transplantation and research, as well as an on-site inspection program to accredit eye banks. These Accreditation Board procedures have been developed to assure consistently acceptable evaluation of eye banks.

What Color Are You?

On June 18th and 19th, the JEI support staff participated in team training at St. Johns after taking their individual online Birkman personality profile test a few weeks before. Each staff member learned what color they were in three different areas: their interest, their usual behavior and their underlying needs/stress behavior. The four colors that classified you were blue, green, yellow and red, and you could fall in multiple color classifications as well.

Through many team building exercises, the support staff learned how different personalities tend to stimulate thought and generate new ideas. Also they learned a team that communicates and works well has synergy and achieves better results than individuals working alone.

Melissa Johnston and her assistant, Deanna Hutchins, from UAMS HR Department facilitated the two half day sessions.



Calendar of Events, Birthdays and Anniversaries

July 1 - Dr. Michael Brown, JEI 6th Anniversary
July 1 - Dr. Laurie Barber, JEI 17th Anniversary
July 6 - Elizabeth Harris
July 9 - Pam Green
July 14 - Marsha Johnson
July 15 - Amanda Speer
July 16 - Dr. Scott Lowery
July 16 - Dr. Purushottam Jha
July 1 - Dr. John Shock, UAMS 28th Anniversary
July 17 - Amy Morrison
July 18 - Joy Banks
July 22 - Allison Johnson
July 24 - Charles Ekworomadu, JEI 7th Anniversary
July 25 - David Dixon
July 26 - Dr. Chris Westfall
July 26 - Steve Staples
July 27 - Dr. Paul Phillips
July 27 - Shirley Hankins
July 28 - Dr. Valeriy Lyzogubov
July 29 - Kathy Rich
July 29 - Dr. Ammar Safar, JEI 5th Anniversary
July 31 - Rebecca Danner
August 1 - Dr. Arthur Thomas, UAMS 31st Anniversary
August 1 -Dr. Inci Dersu, JEI 2nd Anniversary
August 1 -Dr. Joseph Chacko, JEI 2nd Anniversary
August 3 -Kim Glaze
August 3 -Marilee Taylor, UAMS 11th Anniversary
August 5 -Brenda Duhamel
August 11 -Suzanne Hansen, JEI 4th Anniversary
August 13 -Tina Faulkner, JEI 1st Anniversary

All Eyes on You - Donna Mattingly



What music or books are you currently enjoying? I love John Mayer's music—it's very meaningful and touching. I just finished reading a Biography on Ray Romano (I love good, clean humor) and my kids and I are biting our nails waiting for the new Harry Potter (Book VII). But my favorite author by far is John Grisham.

Who has most influenced your life? My (late) husband and my sister have been the most influential in my life. They both are way up there on my pedestal and, I believe, are the best candidates when it comes to role models. My sister is the best cook in the world—I am trying to secretly steal some of her recipes and cooking skills, but don't tell her!

What inspires you? Happiness and smiles inspire me. I like to see people smile! It makes me smile back without even realizing

it. Before I know it, I feel just a little happier than before I smiled. Try it! It's easy and rewarding. I am also inspired by kindness. Simple pleasures!

Tell us about your family. I have a wonderful family that I truly enjoy! My (late) husband, Tommy, and I have three children, and have since been blessed with four grandchildren. Our oldest is Jason (31) is married to a beautiful little lady, Sandy, and they have three sons and one daughter. We have another son, Justin (26), who is a nuclear technician for a health company here in Little Rock. And our youngest is the little girl I always wanted, Sarah (16), who is a senior this year at Mt. St. Mary Academy. We all just returned from Gulf Shores for a summer vacation and had a great time! Tommy and I were practically high school sweethearts (I was 16 when I met him), and we would be married 33 years this month. I miss him so very, very much.

What can you not live without? My faith in God and my family and friends, in that order.

What do you enjoy most about working at JEI? The people here are wonderful and make you feel like part of the family from day one. And it's always rewarding to assist patients and family members (typically in finding offices, buildings, etc.

on campus). But I also enjoy working with the employees here and UAMS as a whole. Without the people, it's just a big empty building. What's fun about that?

What do you generally enjoy most when you are away from work? Being with my family and friends.

Choose three dinner guests from any period of time. Who would they be? I've always wondered what it would be like to talk face-to-face with Tom Hanks. He just seems like a "real" person, if you know what I mean, and is one of my all time favorite actors. Probably John Grisham and Dr. Phil would be interesting as well.

Where would you go on a dream vacation? When my husband, Tommy, and I went on a cruise, we visited the Western Caribbean. It was fabulous and the most beautiful blue water I've ever seen. That would work for me!

What do most people not know about you? Hmmm...I love to sing and have recorded a few songs over the years, just for fun-sake. And, in my "younger" (thinner) years, I took Overall Female in some local 5Ks, and my husband and I ran a lot of local and out-of-state races (from 5Ks to 20Ks). I miss those days! I am thrilled to be at Jones Eye Institute at this part of my life, but you probably know that by now.



On July 11th, the new Arkansas Lions Eye Bank & Laboratory Board of Directors were selected for 2007/2008. Pictured from right to left: William Mertins, Treasurer; Ed Pearson, Secretary; Bob Simpson, President and Doug Beasley, Vice President.

July

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